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1. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is in charge of forestry throughout the whole country. The Ministry is in charge of forestry planning and approves regional plans prepared by the Central Directorate. On the basis of the plans submitted by subordinate offices the Ministry prepares its own central plan.
2. The Central Directorate of the Czechoslovak State Forests' National Corporation is responsible for the management of the Czechoslovak State Forests' National Corporation, including the technical and administrative affairs. The General Director is Mr. (fnu) Hrnecir, an engineer. The Central Directorate consists of the following departments:
  - (a) The Department of Expert Forestry which has supervision over the planned production of timber and hears complaints concerning the non-granting of a production permit. This department prepares plans for timber production and dispatches skilled workers to examine the forests. There are the following subdivisions:
    - (1) Production of timber
    - (2) Protection of forests. This subdivision attempts to protect the forests against all kinds of damage, eg, damage caused by insects, snow, wind, fire, and soil erosion.
    - (3) Cultivation of forests. This subdivision's task is to increase the growth of the forest by establishing nurseries, suppressing weeds, etc. At the present time the cutting of timber exceeds the replacement.
    - (4) Transportation and supply of timber. The interested party sends its order for timber to this subdivision and gets an order receipt in return which shows the directorate that will supply the particular order. This receipt is usually granted for a smaller amount of timber than requested. The applicant must take the timber not later than one year after receiving the receipt or the timber will be confiscated by the government. Timber for saw mills, mines and factories is shipped out by railroad. Other applicants must provide their own transportation.
  - (b) The Building Department is in charge of the construction of houses, stables, cable railways, roads, adjustment of waterways, etc. It has its own branches at the regional inspectorates.
  - (c) The Personnel Department is in charge of hiring, dismissal, promotion, transfer and other personal affairs of forestry employees.

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- (d) The Planning Department prepares plans for timber production, cultivation of forests, construction projects, purchase of machines and other equipment, transport of timber etc. All of these plans are subject to the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
- (e) The Wage Department and Accounting Office are in charge of payrolls and are responsible for the maintenance of the books of account.
- (f) The Department for Mechanization of Forestry purchases and allocates machines and other essential equipment, such as automobiles, tractors, motor saws, cable railroad accessories, etc, to the inspectorates. This department is in close cooperation with the Building Department.
3. The Regional Directorate of the Czechoslovak State Forests supervises the tasks assigned to it by the Central Directorate. Each regional directorate has jurisdiction only within its respective region and is divided into the following sections:
- (a) A section of the guards which is divided into similar subdivisions as the Department of Expert Forestry which is part of the Central Directorate.
- (b) Section for mechanization of forestry.
- (c) Section for building.
- (d) Section for personnel.
- (e) A seed station which is in charge of collecting all seeds in the particular region for use in the nurseries. Special courses for seed collectors have been established.
4. The Directorates of the Czechoslovak State Forests are divided into six regional forest offices. The personnel of the directorate consists of a forest commissioner who is the head of the directorate, a forest controller who is the deputy, an accountant who is in charge of financial affairs, a chief forester who supervises the regional forest offices, an order (transport) officer who handles the orders and transportation of timber, and a clerk.
5. The forest regional offices have the following duties: production of timber, payment of wages and salaries, protection and cultivation of forests, control over and accounting for felled trees. Each forest regional office is divided into three to five forest stations.

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